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Applicants: George D. CHANDLEY et al.

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For: TITANIUM ALUMINIDE MATERIAL RESISTANT TO  
MOLTEN ALUMINUM

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Withdrawn)
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  8. (Withdrawn)
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10. (Currently amended) A method of increasing the service life of a titanium aluminide alloy in contact with a molten metallic material comprising aluminum, comprising including in the titanium aluminide alloy a rare earth element in an effective amount to prolong resistance to attack of the alloy by the molten metallic material and contacting ~~said~~ the alloy with ~~said~~ the molten metallic material.